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Observer status for the Union of South American Nations in the General Assembly

Report of the Sixth Committee

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I. Introduction

1. The item entitled "Observer status for the Union of South American Nations in the General Assembly" was included in the agenda of the sixty-sixth session of the General Assembly at the request of Guyana.

2. At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 16 September 2011, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include the item in its agenda and to allocate it to the Sixth Committee.

3. The Sixth Committee considered the item at its 4th and 16th meetings, on 4 and 18 October 2011. The views of the representatives who spoke during the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.6/66/SR.4 and 16).

4. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it a letter dated 24 June 2011 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Guyana to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/66/144).

II. Consideration of draft resolution A/C.6/66/L.3

5. At the 4th meeting, on 4 October, the representative of Guyana, on behalf of Argentina, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Cuba, Ecuador, Guyana, Haiti, Paraguay, Peru, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago, Uruguay and Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), introduced a draft resolution entitled "Observer status for the Union of South American Nations in the General Assembly" (A/C.6/66/L.3). Subsequently, Antigua and Barbuda, Barbados, the Bahamas, Belize, Costa Rica, Egypt, El Salvador, Ethiopia, Grenada,

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Guatemala, Honduras, Jamaica, Luxembourg, Montenegro, Nicaragua, Pakistan, Portugal, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Slovenia, Spain and Uganda joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

6. At its 16th meeting, on 18 October, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.6/66/L.3 without a vote (see para. 7).

III. Recommendation of the Sixth Committee

7. The Sixth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Observer status for the Union of South American Nations in the General Assembly

The General Assembly,

Wishing to promote cooperation between the United Nations and the Union of South American Nations,

1. *Decides* to invite the Union of South American Nations to participate in the sessions and the work of the General Assembly in the capacity of observer;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take the necessary action to implement the present resolution.